

Paratroopers rope into Baghran Valley



Photo courtesy of Dave Swanson, Philadelphia Enquirer

Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment search a house during Operation Viper in Baghran Valley.

Operation Viper recovers weapons caches, meets little resistance

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BAGHRAN VALLEY, Afghanistan — It was a cool, clear morning Feb. 19 when paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division and other supporting elements air-assaulted into the southern end of the Baghran Valley, starting “Operation Viper.”

The goal of Operation Viper, conducted in the Hemand Province, was to search villages in the valley and recover weapons caches and other war material left by hostile Taliban and al-Qaida forces. Coalition forces were searching for hostile forces as well.

Soldiers of the operation met with much less resistance than they were expecting, said paratroopers on the ground. There were no Coalition forces soldiers wounded or killed during Operation Viper, but that doesn’t mean things were safe for soldiers in the field.

“When I search a home, I open the door and hope nobody inside is armed,” said Spc.

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Bamian preps for new reconstruction team

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BAMIAN, Afghanistan — Before the opening ceremony and the speeches, before the ribbon cutting, the work to set up the Provincial Reconstruction Team and Civil Military Operations Center takes shape in Bamian Province.

The members of the Civil Affairs Team-A have been in Bamian for months working assessments, preparing project nominations and providing critical support to the people of the Bamian province.

To further assist the province in reconstruction, Bamian was selected as the site for the second PRT. The first PRT opened in Gardez last month by the Coa-

lition Joint Civil-Military Operations Task Force. The Bamian PRT is made up of soldiers with Civil Affairs, Special Forces and other support backgrounds. The PRT is also set to receive its permanent Department of State and U.S. Agency for International Development representatives who will live and work with the military in the compound.

Physical preparation for the

Bamian PRT started in January. The PRT commander, Maj. Tony Wheeler, 1st Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group, Huntsville, Ala., arrived Jan. 7 to build the compound, form the team and establish operations. One of his most important tasks was to make contact with a wide range of officials, including local authorities,

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World News (Compiled from CNN.com)

Blix: Iraqi cooperation has been 'very limited'

UNITED NATIONS — Despite welcoming Iraq's decision to destroy its illegal missiles as "a very significant piece of real disarmament" in remarks to reporters Friday, chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix labelled the country's overall effort to disarm "very limited so far," in his latest report to the Security Council.

In a report handed over to U.N. Security Council members Friday, Blix reiterated that Resolution 1441 calls on Iraq to cooperate "immediately, unconditionally and actively."

He said Iraq has cooperated actively in "process," meaning Baghdad has provided access to any site inspectors have asked about.

Iraq initially objected to U-2 surveillance flights, Blix noted, and it was initially difficult for inspectors to be allowed to use helicopters as a means of transportation. And though inspectors have interviewed a few Iraqi scientists, Blix wrote, "It has not yet proved possible to obtain interviews with Iraqi scientists, managers or others believed to have knowledge relevant to the disarmament tasks in circumstances that give satisfactory credibility."

In his report, Blix applauded Iraq on several points:

- The U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission [UNMOVIC] has begun destroying about 50 liters of mustard gas declared by Iraq and secured by previous inspection teams in 1998.

- Iraq identified two R-400 aerial bombs, as well as remnants of what it says were 118 other R-400 bombs.

- Blix said that though the 12,000-page weapons declaration submitted by Iraq was mostly a rehash of previous information, it did "shed light in the missile sector and in the sector of non-proscribed biological activities in the period 1998-2002."

One way Iraq could move forward would be to better clarify outstanding issues left by its weapons declaration, which Blix said contains "little new substantive information."



With the Appeals Court refusing to reconsider the case, it may now be taken to the Supreme Court.

Court refuses to reconsider Pledge of Allegiance decision

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court Friday rejected the Bush administration's request to reconsider its decision that the Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitutional because of the phrase "under God."

The ruling means the case could go to the Supreme Court. In Washington, a Justice Department spokesman said no decision has been made about whether to appeal the ruling there.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said it would not accept any other petitions to reconsider last June's ruling by a three-judge panel that the pledge is unconstitutional when recited in public classrooms.

Ruling on a lawsuit brought by Sacramento atheist Michael Newdow, the court panel decided 2-1 that Newdow's daughter should not be subjected to the words "under God" at her public school.

The court said the phrase was an endorsement of God, and the Constitution forbids public schools or other governmental entities from endorsing religion.

President Bush and Congress immediately condemned the decision, which would prevent public schoolchildren from reciting the pledge in the nine western states covered by the nation's largest — and, critics charge, most liberal — appeals court.

Group blasts PETA project

CNN — The Anti-Defamation League has denounced a campaign by an animal rights group that compares slaughtering

animals to the murder of 6 million Jews in World War II.

The graphic campaign and exhibit "Holocaust on Your Plate," devised by the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, juxtaposes 60-square-foot panels displaying gruesome scenes from Nazi death camps side by side with disturbing photographs from factory farms and slaughterhouses. One shows a starving man in a concentration camp next to a starving cow.

The exhibit opens Friday in San Diego, Calif., and went up Thursday at the University of California at Los Angeles. It also is posted on a PETA Web site, www.masskilling.com, which calls for support for the campaign from the Jewish community.

The comparisons prompted an angry statement from Abraham Foxman, Anti-Defamation League national director and a Holocaust survivor.

"The effort by PETA to compare the deliberate, systematic murder of millions of Jews to the issue of animal rights is abhorrent," the statement said.

Australian 'star wars' condemned

CANBERRA, Australia — Australia's decision to examine possible involvement in the controversial U.S. missile shield defense system has drawn sharp criticism from China.

In a strategic defense review released on Wednesday, the Australian government said threats from rogue states and terrorist groups required a rebalancing of priorities.

This included possibly contributing to the United States' missile shield program to help protect Australia from missile attacks from countries such as North Korea.

But a spokesman for the Chinese Embassy in Canberra slammed the proposal Thursday, saying the project would "undermine the global strategic balance and lead to a new run of the arms race".

"It will have widespread and profound negative influence on our peace and security and the international process of disarmament and arms control, and on the international efforts to prevent proliferation," spokesman Feng Tie told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

Combat Search and Rescue: 'this we do, that others may live to return with honor'



U.S. Army Photo

The Combat Search and Rescue use specially outfitted HH-60 Black Hawk helicopters that allow continuous CSAR missions in any environment.

By Maj. William Mott
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"Next to creating life, the next best thing a man can do is save one."

- Abraham Lincoln

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — If you are captured or wounded on the battlefield, can you escape and survive your golden hour? The Combat Search and Rescue team in the Rescue Coordination Center can train you to survive.

High Risk of Capture training and an Evasion Plan of Action keep soldiers alive and recoverable within their golden hour and beyond. Combatant survival depends on the EPA information that the soldier fills out with their personal information and their plans for evasion if they become an isolated person.

"The golden hour is that first hour after a soldier has become an injured or isolated person and is using HRC or Survival, Escape, Resistance and Evasion training tactics to help us recover them," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Peter R. Kalogris, Combined Joint Task Force-180 CSAR watch officer.

Without any verbal communication, the RCC can anticipate the soldier's movements according to the evasion plan they have on file for that soldier.

In the plan of action is the Isolated Personnel Report. The soldier also carries a blood chit document that identifies them as an American soldier. The blood chit is tailored to their mission and translated into several local languages so they can get help from friendly civilians. (See sidebar for the

history of blood chits).

"The EPA, ISOPREP card and blood chit are the contract of survival that gets an isolated person home," said Kalogris.

"We know what actions that individual has planned, and HRC and SERE training tells us what that individual is capable of and ensures that his rescuers do not fall into an ambush during their rescue. A good evader helps ensure survival."

The RCC is planning to offer theater specific HRC and SERE training to soldiers in Bagram once they receive their SERE technical sergeant. The HRC training develops their survival contract and the SERE training equips the soldier with basic survival tactics to survive outside the golden hour.

"SERE and HRC training are force multipliers that make the difference between reactive versus proactive rescue that brings soldiers back alive and protects the lives of rescuers," said Kalogris.

The EPA is the soldiers' survival plan on file with RCC ready to be pulled and followed as described to expedite their quick rescue. Consisting of identification and authentication codes, life support and communication plans, the EPA allows medical evacuation teams and CSAR teams to quickly recover distressed soldiers.

Equipped with these tools Provisional Reconstruction Teams, Medical Civic Action Program teams, and any soldiers who travel off post vastly improve their odds of survival if isolated, captured, injured or lost on mission.

Once implemented the RCC has all the resources of CJTF-180 behind it to locate, support, recover and repatriate the IP. Predator unmanned aerial vehicles, rotary and fixed wing aircraft and ground support go into action as requested to expedite the recovery. The zone of concern as far as one nautical mile becomes a no-fire no-fly zone until recovery is complete.

There is a new CSAR reserve unit from Clearwater, Fla., assigned to the XVIII Airborne Corps, equipped with new HH-60 Black Hawks outfitted especially for CSAR missions. With weather and infrared radar,

glass cockpits for low visibility, medical equipment, special avionics package, armament and aerial refueling capability these HH-60s allow continuous CSAR efforts in any environment.

The 126th Medical Company (Dust-Off), Mather, Calif., recently arrived with the Black Hawk MEDEVAC aircraft. The 126th has HH-60's as well as UH-60L and UH-60A air ambulances.

Instituted in 1999, the Joint Personnel Recovery Agency rewrote the rescue doctrine of the Vietnam era where rescues were attempted by anyone available, which usually resulted in the death and capture of even more POWs. "The new doctrine requires a truly joint environment involving all services and the assets of the U.S. dedicated to the recovery of the individual combatant. This contract between America and the soldier is an absolute moral imperative," said Kalogris.

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Blood chit A 'last resort'

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — *"To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace."*
— General George Washington

In George Washington's speech to congress in 1790, he brings up the idea of preparation. Especially in a wartime situation, it remains the standard to be prepared for anticipated events.

A blood chit, when translated from Chinese, means "life payment." The blood chits were in Chinese because their first widespread use was by the American Volunteer Group pilots, the

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the Provincial Governor, Afghan military generals, mullahs, non-governmental organizations in the area and the United Nations Assistance Mission to Afghanistan.

The soldiers assigned to the PRT built the compound on a bare spot of land in less than two months. Winter weather challenged their completion schedule, Wheeler said.

"Due to the remote location and inclement weather at high altitude, getting building materials here has been difficult," said Wheeler. Still, Wheeler, who leaves command for another assignment March 2 (the same day the CMOC opens), feels his time at Bamian has already had a positive impact on the townspeople and the international assistance community operating here. "I have enjoyed this tour ... worked with people that are motivated and know their job. It's been positive and we've had fun," he said.

A big part of the PRT's mission is to be accessible to the NGOs and the local people to hear their needs and exchange information. So the PRT is establishing a "storefront" in the busy community bazaar that will give people convenient and local access to the CMOC.

The steps to open the storefront began with scouting out a location. When the site was selected — an empty mud-walled bazaar stall in the heart of the downtown commercial bazaar area — it was clear that there was a lot of work to do. Afghan laborers put in conduits for electricity, installed plywood walls, beams for the ceilings and glass for windows and painted the walls. Workers from the PRT compound laid carpeting and built a customer-service counter.

Days before the opening, with construction going on all around, the local police chief came in to the storefront to welcome the soldiers and to offer any assistance needed from the police department. Though not officially open for business, the CMOC soldiers who are working there to put finishing touches on the office are already receiving visitors and processing their requests. Meanwhile, the CMOC soldiers continue to submit projects, such as a primary school restoration and local university rehabilitation, to provide humanitarian aid and to plan for long-term, high-impact projects.



Photos by Sgt. Valerie Dey-Bolejack, 109th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Camp construction continues in Bamian.

Once officially opened, the storefront will be manned by CMOC soldiers armed with information and contact sheets to hand out to visitors.

They will collect demographic information from the contacts sheets that can help point interested NGOs and the CAT-A to areas that need assistance.

Sgt. 1st Class Dave Englert, 401st Civil Affairs Battalion, Webster N.Y., says the mission of the CMOC is to direct and support Civil Affairs activities in an area of operations.

"Infrastructure development begins with local communities having ownership of their community, leaders that take responsibility and then understand their responsibility to the nation and the central government as a whole," he said. "We help enable the leaders to meet their responsibility by providing them with expert advice. This allows them to be recognized and supported by the people they serve. We collect information that helps leaders prioritize short and long term goals for their community. We also help communities coordinate skills and resources so that the province develops synergistically. Also, we facilitate the communication between NGOs, (Afghan) government, national government and military forces."

The future PRT commander, Lt. Col. Phillip Carey, 401st Civil Affairs Battalion, Webster N.Y., recognizes that one of the



Soldiers continue to put the finishing touches on the new PRT storefront in Bamian and the local population are already dropping in to welcome them.

PRT's roles is to provide support for the central government of Afghanistan by extending its reach to places like Bamian.

Because the PRT is responsible for the entire Bamian Province, civil affairs operations will be expanded to all sections of the region.

"We want all of Bamian people to know us and know we show no favoritism," said Carey. In his view, by enhancing and promoting reconstruction efforts in the province, the causes of instability in Afghanistan can be reduced or even eliminated. According to Carey, this PRT is well on its way. "The locals are very eager and just loving it. They are very happy to see American forces here."

FREEDOM'S VOICES

Are we on the same sheet of music?

Just my Opinion

Maj. William Mott
11th Public Affairs
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Resembling an orchestra of classical musicians, the Joint Operating Center conducts the master performance of coordinating the massive symphony of rebuilding Afghanistan, and fighting the War on Terror in the theater dubbed Operation Enduring Freedom.

Twice daily, the JOC maestro puts his well-tuned sections through their paces in their Battle Update Briefs.

The downlinks are synced, the video teleconferences are prepped, the audio is tuned and the headsets are donned as the shift-change sonata starts.

Lasting anywhere from 30-60 minutes, depending on the maestros contentious spirit, over 50 sections offer their most criti-

cal piece of the symphony for the edification of all involved.

Paramount to orchestrating a successful mission, both in a theater of war and in a philharmonic theater, is communication. The clichéd question, "Are we on the same sheet of music?" may come to mind. BUBs may not be as entertaining, well no; relaxing, no; culturally stimulating as a philharmonic orchestra but it is our show.

We are the joint, combined coalition of professionals who are orchestrating the historical rebuilding of a nation, empowering its people to restore their country to the nation of proud Afghans that it once was.

Some of us may visit this theater years from now and enjoy the culturally stimulating experience we may have contributed to years before with the small sacrifice of a few months of dedication.

Let's stay on the same sheet of music and fine-tune our part as we orchestrate enduring freedom.

March is National Women's History Month.

It began as a single week and as a local event in 1978 in Sonoma County, Calif., who sponsored the event to promote the teaching of women's history. At that time it was a neglected subject in elementary and high school curriculums. The week of March 8 was selected to include International Women's Day. In 1981 Congress passed a resolution making the week a national celebration, and in 1987 expanded it to the full month of March.

STREET TALK

Who is or has been the most influential woman in your life?



"My daughters because they make me understanding and that makes me understanding to my soldiers. They have taught me compassion."

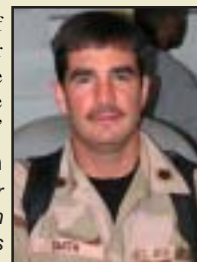
Staff Sgt. Michael Francis

Co. C, 2nd Bn, 505th PIR
Fort Bragg, N.C.

"My wife. She takes care of everything, including our children and finances. She also help me make important decisions in life."

Maj. James Smith

438th Expeditionary Air
MEDEVAC Squadron
Lackland AFB, Texas



"My rowing coach at West Point because she taught me the value of being my own person and a strong person."

1st Lt. Kerry Burzynski

HHC, 82nd Airborne Div.
Fort Bragg, N.C.

"My grandmother. She raised eight children alone and never complained."

Sgt. 1st Class Milton

Robinson

55th Sig. Co. (Combat
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Jonathon Kohnen, a paratrooper with A Company, 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment. "I do my job and look for weapons and ammunition — stuff they shouldn't have. I try to be pretty decent and not tear up the place."

Civil affairs soldiers contacted village leaders — with the help of local interpreters — and asked for permission to search homes in the village and cooperation during the house-to-house search.

"We try to be as un-intrusive as possible," said 1st Lt. Jeffrey Pickler, a platoon leader in B Co., 2/504th PIR.

"We have to search everything; false walls and things like that. We want to be respectful but we have to do our job. We have to be thorough to find anything," said Pickler.

More than 20 rifles of various types, a machine gun and more than 2,000 rounds of ammunition and other war materials were con-

fiscated during the searches on the first day.

"This operation is happening one step at a time," said Capt. Andrew Zieseniss, commander, B Co., 2/504th PIR.

"It's not a war where we're fighting a conventional army like World War II. There are bad guys in civilian clothes. It's old-fashioned detective work, digging through hay stacks — literally," he added.

Soldiers, interpreters and civilian media reporters were camped throughout the valley where temperatures during night fell below freezing. Daytime temperatures were comfortable and the skies were clear.

Operation Viper will continue until completion, but day-to-day activities of the hostile elements in the valley were interrupted, said one of the commanders.

"The leadership of the Taliban is on the run and are not functioning as well as they were yesterday," said Lt. Col. Charles A. Flynn, 2/504th PIR commander. "We're disrupting their activity and denying them their ability to operate."



Photo by Dave Swanson, Philadelphia Enquirer

A weapons cache is found in one of the villages searched during Operation Viper.

Mailing antique weapons

Anyone wishing to send an antique firearm home needs to understand the rules before mailing it.

The Domestic Mail Manual 57, section C024.2.0, states "*Antique Firearms sent as curios or museum pieces may be accepted for mailing.*" The weapons must include proper documentation signed by United States Customs officials.

Without the *signed* documents, the mailer is sending the weapon at their own risk.

Since each weapon is unique, each requires certain forms. It is the responsibility of the individual to obtain all the required forms for their particular weapon before shipment.

According to DMM 57, section C024.4.0, "*postmasters are not authorized to give opinions on the legality of any shipment of rifles or shotguns.*"

Post office personnel are not trained Customs officials, and will not question anyone mailing home what looks like an antique weapon. It is not the responsibility of the post office to ensure you have all the required documents.

To import a firearm, visit the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Web site at www.atf.treasury.gov and download the ATF F-6 Part II (5330.3B) application form. This form also includes details on the application process.



Photo by Pvt. 2 Terri Rorke

Before: The new MWR gym...

Leveling began for the future site for the Morale, Welfare and Recreation gym near four corners Thursday. A clamshell will be set up for a basketball court and other events, like music concerts.

Legal Assistance answers tax Q and As

From the CJTF-180
Legal Assistance Office

The Staff Judge Advocate section will put out a weekly question and answer column until April 15th to help answer any questions concerning taxes. If you have additional questions you can stop by the legal assistance office located in Motel 6.

Remember the basic rule, if at any time you are in a combat zone during the tax-filing season (Jan. 1 to April 15) you have a combat zone filing extension. Your deadline for filing taxes with the IRS is extended for 180 days after the last day you are in a combat zone. In addition to the 180 days, your deadline is also extended by the number of days that were left for you to file taxes when you entered a combat zone.

Q: Does the extension for filing and pay-

ing federal individual income taxes apply to unearned income from my investments?

A: Yes. The extensions apply without regard to the source of your income

Q: Do the deadline extension provisions apply only to members of the U.S. Armed Forces serving in the combat zone?

A: No. The deadline extension provisions also apply to individuals serving in the combat zone in support of the U.S. Armed Forces, such as Red Cross personnel, accredited correspondents and civilian personnel acting under the direction of the U.S. Armed Forces in support of those forces. In addition, members of the U.S. Armed Forces who perform military service in an area outside the combat zone qualify for the suspension of time provisions if their service is in direct support of military operations in the combat zone, and they receive special pay for duty

subject to hostile fire or imminent danger as certified by the Department of Defense.

Q: I am a member of the U.S. Armed Forces serving in the combat zone. Do the deadline extension provisions apply to my spouse who is in the United States?

A: Yes. The deadline extension provisions apply not only to members serving in the U.S. Armed Forces (or individuals serving in support thereof) in the combat zone, but to their spouses as well, with two exceptions. First, if you are hospitalized in the United States as a result of injuries received while serving in the combat zone, the deadline extension provisions would not apply to your spouse. Second, the deadline extension provisions for your spouse do not apply for any tax year beginning more than two years after the date of the termination of the combat zone designation.

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The CJTF-180 RCC follows this new doctrine, and it coordinates with Quick Reaction Forces, Joint Fires, Joint Search and Rescue Cell, Airspace Command and Control, the Air Force Air Component Coordination Element and Naval Forces Coordination Element to perform CSAR procedures to return isolated persons to safety.

Working closely with Maj. Mike Brophy, Cpt. Shawn Stanley, Staff Sgt. Chris Thompson and Sgt. Charles Parrott, Kalogris is turning doctrine into reality in OEF.

"HRC training must be given soldiers at the CRC level along with level B and C tasks, NBC training, and mine and media awareness," suggested Kalogris.

"Lessons learned from previous operations show that a simple boarder patrol can escalate into an embarrassing international hostage incident that HRC training may have avoided."

Call or email Kalogris at 303-587-6057 or cjtf180-rcc2@cjtf180.army.smil.mil for HRC training, EPA and ISOPREP cards and blood chits. Download the Joint Doctrine for Evasion and Recovery 3-50.3 online at http://www.fas.org/man/dod-101/sys/ac/docs/jp3_50_3.pdf

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"Flying Tigers" who flew over Kunming, China in WWII.

These "life payments" are documents made out of Tyvek paper that is almost indestructible. This paper is simply an aid for evasion. It identifies a soldier as an American and carries a statement granting a reward to the enemy only if the bearer of the blood chit is returned to friendly control. The statement is in certain languages correlating with a specific theater a soldier is in.

"(The Department of Defense) directs that everybody in theater (be) trained on these aids of evasion," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Peter Kalogris, Rescue Coordination Cell, Combined Joint Task Force-180. This includes blood chits. But, there is a lack of education on these aids of evasion.

The policy, "unfortunately includes the words, 'if possible,'" said Kalogris.

If a soldier does not receive knowledge on aids of evasion, it is up to the Rescue Coordination Cell to educate him.

"Once we can teach people about High Risk of Capture, they will know what

all these evasion aids are." They will know what they can do and what they can't do, because the information is uncommon knowledge, he added.

By lack of this uncommon knowledge, over 8,000 blood chits were lost in Desert Storm and 1,000 in the Korean Peninsula.

Partly why so many are lost is because, "People see the American flag and say, 'Oh, wouldn't this make a great souvenir?' Yes, it would," said Kalogris. This is why so many times soldiers will take them home. Later, they may get a knock on their door and the Rescue Coordination Cell is their looking to recover the sensitive item.

"Obviously they represent a financial obligation on the department of the government," said Kalogris. Yet, "they are not souvenirs."

Only Washington knows how much these sensitive items are worth, he said. Although, one claimant was rewarded \$100,000 for providing aid to seven B-29 crewmen shot down over Korea.

So it remains the responsibility of commanders to educate soldiers about this six-dollar document that is pulled out only under acts of mercy or as a "last resort," said Kalogris.

Entertainment

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Bagram, Afghanistan

Engineers assist with medical care



A toddler looks at shoes and socks donated by Americans.

By Spc. Jim Wagner
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AHMERJAN, Afghanistan — Despite an extensive knowledge of medical care from their civilian jobs back home, medics from the 527th Engineer Company learned first-hand the problems facing Afghanistan after a civil affairs-medical mission here Tuesday.

“Back home I work in a charity hospital, so I’ve seen this type of sickness (before), but this is on a whole new level,” said Spc. Dennis Gee, a combat medic with the 527th Engineer Co., who is a third-year nursing school student.

The Louisiana Army National Guard medics got off relatively easy. At most civil affairs missions, hundreds of people throng the impromptu aid station, all clamoring to get their chil-

dren, or themselves, treated. Most of the 350 villagers, however, were in the city of Kandahar, an hour drive northwest.

Although the village is far from Kandahar, medical care is dear to the people residing there. Last year six people died because they were unable to get treated in time or could not afford to drive north for repeated visits.

Muhammad Shah, one of the village elders, said he hopes someone, whether it’s the U.S. Army or a non-governmental organization, can build a clinic in his area. His uncle was one of the six who died last year, due to a chronic sickness.

A civil affairs officer participating in a meeting with the village elder said it could be some time before aid will come to the village.

“The biggest problem in getting schools and clinics built is that there’s still fighting in the area,” he said.



Photos by Spc. Jim Wager, 109th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

1st Lt. Bill DeWitt, battalion medical officer, 527th Engineer Company, right, gives a boy a vitamin boost for malnutrition symptoms.



A soldier provides security to the civil affairs event, using binoculars to scan the perimeter.

Chaplain's corner

By Chap. (Maj.) Marvin Luckie
CTF-82 Chaplain

In wartime, an army must have safe, fortified compounds where soldiers can train and prepare for – or rest from – the heat of battle. Soldiers need a garrison. The Greek word for a garrison comes from *phroureo*, which means to mount moving guards.

As a Christian soldier, you need a garrison. You live in a hostile environment: you live in *kosmos diabolicus*, the devil's world. Where do you go to prepare to meet the enemy? Where do you pull back to recover from the wounds of life? The only safe place to build a garrison is in your own soul. In Philippians 4, Paul, the four star general, the apostle inspired on this point by God Himself in the person of the Holy Spirit, issues five orders for building that garrison.

First order; “rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!” (Phil. 4:4) Paul's first command is: “Rejoice.” This is the present imperative of the verb *chairo*. The present tense tells us this is something that

we should always do, something that should become habitual in our lives.

Second order; “Let your forbearing spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near.” (Phil. 4:5) Paul's second command is to let something be known. There is something the apostle Paul wants you to manifest in life; something called here your “forbearing spirit.” “Forbearing” in Greek is *epieikeo*, a word with shades of meaning.

Third order, “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer” (Phil. 4:6) this is another imperative. *Merimnao*, translated “anxious,” means to be of divided mind; the reason the mind is divided is because of worry. Paul says stop worrying. Again, the present imperative tells us to keep on conquering our worry.

Fourth order, “let your mind dwell on



Chap. (Maj.) Marvin Luckie

these things.” (Phil. 4:8) Paul says to “let your mind dwell on these things.” The verb here is *logizomai* which means to reckon with. Have you ever reckoned with righteousness in your life? With truth? Do you day by day reckon with, focus on, and concentrate on principles of virtue in your life? (Army Values)

Finally, “what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things; and the God of peace shall be with you.” (Phil. 4:9) The things that the Philippians “learned and received” had to do with the academic side of their training. The things they had “heard and seen” in Paul and others had to do with their experience. Paul tells them to practice all of it. The verb *prasso* is another imperative. Paul's fifth command is to keep on constantly practicing these things, constantly letting the things that you have learned be applied to your life.

Come on by Bible Study, Tuesday 1130Z-1230Z, and let's discuss these commands from Paul.



Music Notes (Compiled from MTV.com)

R. Kelly boots 50 Cent from top of albums chart

The media hoopla surrounding R. Kelly and his string of child pornography charges were seemingly ignored by his fans, who bought enough copies of *Chocolate Factory* to knock 50 Cent's *Get Rich or Die Tryin'* from the top of the *Billboard* albums chart.

Kelly's new album sold more than 532,000 copies in its first week, just 11,000 fewer than the amount he moved in his most successful opening week, when *TP-2.com* dropped in November 2000.

Although it will vacate the top slot it held for two consecutive weeks, 50 Cent's studio debut is no slouch. *Get Rich or Die Tryin'* was shy of Kelly's album by just 12,000 copies. Since its release, the album has consistently sold more than 500,000 per week. The last time an album had such a stretch was in

late 2000, when both the Backstreet Boys' *Black & Blue* and the Beatles' *1* each sold half a million copies for three weeks straight.

Durst dishes alleged Britney nookie on Howard Stern show

The he-said/she-said between Britney Spears and Fred Durst went into overdrive Thursday morning when the Limp Bizkit frontman offered intimate details about his professional and personal relationship with the singer on Howard Stern's syndicated radio show.

“I swear on my son Dallas' baby blue eyes I was telling the truth [about our relation-

ship],” said a groggy Durst, who admitted to being out late the night before.

“This [relationship] went on for a little while, that's what's pretty unbelievable about this crap she's saying,” Durst said of Spears' recent statements that she barely knows the Limp Bizkit singer.

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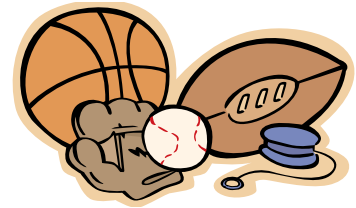
Tonight: Mardi Gras Dance Party, no movie.

Sunday, 1530Z at the MWR building: “Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers.” Frodo and Sam continue on to Mordor in their mission to destroy the One Ring. Whilst their former companions make new allies and launch an assault on Isengard.



Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from ESPN.com)



A center who knew what his role was

ESPN — Patrick Ewing's No. 33 will hang from the Madison Square Garden rafters for time immemorial. His hoop epitaph should read: "There went a guy who knew what he was, didn't want to be anything else, and the likes of which we may never see again."



Patrick Ewing and the Knicks nearly won a title in 1994.

Think about it. When are we ever going to see someone like Patrick Ewing again? A dominant high-school center — Center with a capital C — who actually wants to play inside, not take threes, not work on a crossover dribble, who goes to college for *four years* and who learned his basketball in the United States?

Can you even begin to imagine what it would be like for Ewing if he were coming out of Cambridge Rindge and Latin High this year? For one thing, there would be no purpose for John Thompson or anyone else to even bother stopping by for a chat. It'd be NBA or bust.

"It'd be just like it is now for LeBron, maybe even bigger," said Celtics' personnel chief Leo Papile, who coached Ewing on his AAU teams when Ewing was passing through high school. "You would have a national schedule. You would see all of his games being played at the FleetCenter. He'd be one of the top picks in the draft, if not the No. 1 pick overall. You'd have all the agents and the shoe people hiding in the weeds.

"It may be hard for people to remember, but Patrick was one of a generation. You had Wilt coming out of Overbrook (High) in the 1950s. You had Alcindor coming out of Power Memorial in the 60s. And you had Patrick coming out of Rindge and Latin in the early 80s. That's pretty good company for him to be in."

The Great Center Shortage in the United States is not a news bulletin. Why we are not producing Patrick Ewings anymore is a mystery, given that the Balkans seem to be churning these guys out with Ethel Kennedy-like regularity and efficiency. If you scan the 29 NBA rosters, you'll have a hard time finding a legitimate center under the age of 30 who had his basketball mentoring in the United States (Shaquille O'Neal is 30, and turns 31 next week).

In fact, you won't find one, unless you think Erick Dampier qualifies. Chris Mihm? Please. Brad Miller? He's serviceable, but the mere fact he made the Eastern Conference All-Star team indicates how shallow the pivot pool really is. Michael Doleac? Sorry. Most teams these days use power forwards in the middle, like

Tony Battie, Antonio Davis, Marcus Camby or Dale Davis. The best of the under-30 center set may either be Miller or Greg Ostertag. Scary, huh? (And Ostertag turns 30 next week anyway.)

Ewing may not have been born in the USA, but he learned his basketball under Mike Jarvis at Rindge and Latin along with Papile in the summer leagues. Those two put him in the post and, along with the later teachings of Thompson, developed Ewing into a bona fide center who eventually will be honored in Springfield.

Indiana 107, Milwaukee 98

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Jamison Brewer has been staying late after practice for two seasons, working on his shot and learning the playbook while waiting for an opportunity.

When the chance finally arrived, Brewer showed he could contribute.

Brad Miller scored a season-high 29 points and grabbed 12 rebounds and Reggie Miller had 20 points as the Indiana Pacers snapped a six-game losing streak with a 107-98 win against the Milwaukee Bucks on Friday night.

Brewer had five assists, four points and only one turnover in 21 minutes.

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Bagram to host Texas A&M "Muster"

Former Students of Texas A&M University will assemble at Bagram Air Base April 21 for the annual Texas Aggie Muster in honor of all Texas Aggies who have passed away within the last year, announced Bagram Muster Chair, Capt. Jim Moreno. The ceremony will begin at 1500Z at the Task Force Tiger, 229th Aviation Regiment, briefing tent (the tent is on the southern side of the hangar) in the Coalition Task Force-82 Compound. Texas Aggie Muster welcomes all former and current students, their families, and friends of Texas A&M University.



The tradition spans over a century and will be observed in more than 350 locations around the world. Bagram will be 351st. These Muster gatherings are held in many unique places ranging from foxholes during World War II to ballrooms and steakhouses today.

For more information regarding the Texas Aggie Muster held at Bagram Air Base, please contact Moreno at (303) 640-3034, or by e-mail: (nonsecure) morenojc@bragg.army.mil or (secure) ctf82-229avn-s2@ctf82-cjtf180.army.smil.mil.

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"This was the kind of win we needed and Jamison had a lot to do with it," Brad Miller said.

Sixers' center wants to return

PHILADELPHIA — He was brought back to Philadelphia to replace the aging Dikembe Motumbo. They praised his soft hands, his ability to catch the ball around the basket and convert a convenient two. They talked about his quick feet, his agility in the low post.

In the past three months, however, those hands and those feet have betrayed him. And Todd MacCulloch, the gentle giant from western Canada who just turned 27 years old, now sits helplessly on the bench, watching his teammates and wondering if he will ever get back on an NBA court.

In a lengthy interview with ESPN, MacCulloch's doctor, Dr. Terry Heiman-Patterson, a well-known specialist on CMT at Drexel University's College of Medicine in Philadelphia, cast serious doubts on whether MacCulloch will ever play in an NBA uniform again.

"I think Todd has a problem that may preclude him from being able to play again," said Heiman-Patterson, the director of the neuromuscular division of the Drexel's Department of Neurology.

Solution from Friday's Black History Month Crossword in the *Freedom Watch*

(Courtesy of infoplease.com)

**2002 NBA standings****Eastern Conference****Atlantic**

(2) New Jersey	38-21
(4) Philadelphia	33-24
(5) Boston	32-25
(7) Orlando	29-29
(8) Washington	28-29

Central

(1) Indiana	38-21
(3) Detroit	37-21
(6) New Orleans	32-27
Milwaukee	28-30
Atlanta	21-37

**Western Conference****Midwest**

(1) Dallas	44-14
(3) San Antonio	39-17
(7) Minnesota	38-21
(6) Utah	33-25
(8) Houston	30-28

Pacific

(2) Sacramento	41-18
(5) Portland	37-20
L.A. Lakers	32-25
(4) Phoenix	31-27
Golden State	28-30



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Kandahar chapel hours

Sunday

- ❖ 0500Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 0630Z — Protestant worship
- ❖ 0830Z — Latter-Day Saints worship
- ❖ 1130Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel service

Monday

- ❖ 1130Z — Rosary and prayers
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel choir practice

Tuesday

- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox/Catholic Bible study
- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant Bible study

Wednesday

- ❖ 1130Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant mid-week service

Thursday

- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel Bible study

Friday

- ❖ 0830Z — Islamic Jumaa'h prayer
- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox Christian hymn service
- ❖ 1430Z — Jewish prayer

Saturday

- ❖ 0530Z — Seventh-Day Adventist worship
- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox Christian Divine Liturgy
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel Choir practice

Bagram chapel hours

Sunday

- ❖ 0500Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 0630Z — Protestant worship
- ❖ 0830Z — Latter-Day Saints worship
- ❖ 1330Z — Gospel service

Monday

- ❖ 0700Z — Rosary and prayers

Tuesday

- ❖ 0700Z — Rosary and prayers
- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant Bible study

Wednesday

- ❖ 0700Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant mid-week service

Thursday

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- ❖ 1330Z — Gospel Bible study

Friday

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- ❖ 0830Z — Islamic Jumaa'h prayer
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- ❖ 1430Z — Jewish prayer

Saturday

- ❖ 0530Z — Seventh-Day Adventist worship
- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox Christian Divine Liturgy
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel Choir practice
- ❖ 1500Z — Rosary and prayers

K2 chapel hours

Sunday

- ❖ 0330Z — Liturgical service
- ❖ 0430Z, 1200Z — General protestant service
- ❖ 0600Z — Roman Catholic Mass
- ❖ 1300Z — Latter Day Saints

Monday

- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1245Z — Catholic Rosary and Mass

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- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1245Z — Catholic Rosary and Mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Bible study

Wednesday

- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1245Z — Catholic Rosary and Mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Midweek Praise service

Thursday

- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1245Z — Catholic Rosary and Mass

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- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1245Z — Catholic Rosary and Mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Bible study

Saturday

- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1200Z — Roman Catholic Mass

CJCMOTF chapel hours

Sunday

- ❖ 0630Z — Nondenominational service













Tuesday

- ❖ 1430Z — Catholic service (every other Tuesday)

Wednesday

- ❖ 1430Z — Bible study



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KMTC chapel hours

Sunday

- ❖ 0430Z — Protestant Service
- ❖ 0530Z — Roman Catholic Mass/Eucharist
- ❖ 0630Z — Latter Day Saints
- ❖ 1630Z — Protestant Service

Wednesday

- ❖ 1430Z — Bible Study

Friday

- ❖ 1530Z — Thank God It's Friday fellowship and singing

All events are held in FOB195 Chapel/Conference Room area.